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SCHEDULE OMISSION

The trip to Cummings and Bear Mts. did not appear in the schedule as was planned. As these peaks have never been scheduled, and may be climbed only in April, property owners have granted permission, and many had already planned to go, the leaders have agreed to go according to the following write-up which we had hoped to see in the schedule.

April 10-11 SAT.-SUN. 100 PKS.
Cummings Mtn. (7753'), Bear Mt. (6895')
9:30 a.m.: Tehachapi, Hwy. 58 and
Curry St. Hiking over private roads
through Kellogg Oak and Jeffrey Pine
Forest is a privilege as many private
owners are involved; trespassing is
not tolerated. Camping at Tehachapi
Mtn. Park. Hiking 15 miles, elev. gain
3000' each day; less if roads are O.K.
Call leaders: Jerry Kirble, Bob Hawthorne.
Trans.: Max el Elbinger.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Sierra Clubbers have, by this time, all probably received their copy of the December 1964 BULLETIN, and are responding with joy and interest to the photographs with the accompanying commentaries, and also to the exceedingly fine articles on activities in the conservation field. If some of you Hundred Peakers have been too busy peak-bagging to find time to

read your BULLETIN, a quick look at the Table of Contents might entice you to do some up-to-the-date reading on conservation. Articles such as: "The Last Chance for a Northern Cascades National Park", "Changing Public Opinion", "The Current Status and Welfare of the California Condor", "Grand Canyon of the Controversial Colorado", and "California Forest Practices: A Progress Report" are among the articles which will make you a well-informed Sierra Club member. When newcomers ask about the Sierra Club, it is to be hoped that Hundred Peakers will be conservation salesmen as well as Section activity salesmen. On page 32 in the BULLETIN, David Brower comments: "Other people will want to be walking our trails, up where the tree reaches high for the cloud, up where the flower takes the summer wind with beauty, and the summer rain, too. They will want to discover for themselves the wildness that the ages have made perfect. They have a right to discover the wild places, I told the children, just as we did—and your children and theirs, too. They CAN discover them, but only if we keep some wildness in between the shining seas; only if man remembers, in his rising tide, not to engulf his last islands of wilderness." To this, we can only comment, "Amen!"

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Congratulations to Paul Nelson, our newest Emblem holder!

"—AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!"

To those of us who attended the Hundred Peaks Banquet in January, it seems like this happened a long time ago; however, for the benefit of those of you who were unable to attend, we would like to share our very happy recollections of the occasion with you.

Sixty-eight people attended the first annual Hundred Peaks banquet. There was a very "social" social hour between 6:30 and 7:30 followed by a delicious steak dinner served by Frances Taix on Sunset Blvd. Following the dinner, Toastmaster Ben Romero introduced Section Chairman Bob Hawthorne. Those who had climbed 200 or more peaks were given recognition. Mary Meisel was surprised with a congratulatory cake from her husband on the occasion of her 200th peak, climbed the day before the banquet. Those who were Erblen holders were given recognition. Following these plaudits, Janis Hawley conducted the raffling of prizes.

Thunderbird Food merchandise prizes were won by George Gorgura, Vic Miller, Dave McGlone, Anona Hoxley and Steve Molnar. The 3 books from Dawson's were won by Warren Von Pertz, Frank McDaniel, and Steve Molnar. Bruce Collier won a book from Trailwise. Flintstones from Jacobsen's were won by Gordon McLeod, Bob Ives, Larry Salmon, Janis Hawley, and Ernie Spiehler. The merchandise certificate from Highland Outfitters was won by Bob Van Allen—and his name was drawn out of the hat by his son, Jin. (Tsk! Tsk!) Les Reid was the winner of a gift certificate from the Sport Chalet. Tom Hunt received the gift certificate from Gerry's, and Mary Cordes won the grand prize of the evening—a \$35.00 merchandise certificate from Kalty's. Lynn Churchill (now Miller) was the winner of the deer prize, a gift certificate from the Sport Chalet.

Steve Molnar is to be commended for the competent handling of banquet arrangements. Janis Hawley put a lot of time and effort into making arrangements for the raffle and obtaining the prizes. The banquet proceeds netted approximately \$120.00 for the Section (which will be a big help in our becoming a self-sustaining Section this fiscal year). Thanks to all who helped make the banquet a big success. We'll see all of you at next year's banquet, won't we?

OUR
GRATITUDE TO—
FREDA WALBRECHT

The enjoyment brought to all of us by Freda Walbrecht at the banquet deserves SPECIAL MENTION. Freda showed us her slides and movies of the "early days of the Section". The pictures brought back happy memories for the "old-timers" and were interesting to the newer members because, they were, through the pictures, introduced to members who heretofore had been only names. Our sincere thanks to you, Freda, for helping make our banquet so enjoyable, and also for all the fine work you have done and are still doing for the Hundred Peaks Section.

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YOUR PATRONAGE OF THOSE COMPANIES WHICH DONATED PRIZES FOR OUR BANQUET WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:::

Andy Smitko for climbing the 200 plus peaks on the 100 Peaks list. Yes, that's right—he has climbed them all. And did you know that he also has climbed all the peaks on the Desert Peaks list?

Vic Miller and Lynn Churchill on the occasion of their marriage.

Arky Erb and Ruth Karini on the occasion of their marriage.

Now we have two more couples who will be eating out of the same gorp bag on the trail!

A HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Les Reid, Anne Marie Murray, Dave Stepsay, Lou Clement, Lee Clement (who are the wife and daughter respectively of Haydon C. Clement) Bernard C. Petitjean and his wife Luella. Our membership now numbers 229. We are so happy to have you in the Section and hope to see you on many of our Hundred Peaks activities.

H.D. As one who has hiked with all of these new members, I can only say that I feel that the Section is fortunate to have such fine new members. ill-Editor.

A TRAIL TALE

by Bruce Collier

While enjoying a very pleasant rest on a hike in the San Gabriel Mts., I was asked if I would like some "GORP". This rather unusual request was accompanied by a few words of explanation, undoubtedly in response to the perplexed expression on my face. GORP, it was claimed, provides quick energy, tastes good, and most of all, provides endless ideas for improvisation. All this in addition, of course, to its value as a conversation item.

Perhaps we should define the subject of our treatise: GORP has been defined by usage as any combination of edible foods suitable for trail nourishment. After a survey of the various components of choice GORP concoctions, the "edible" remains questionable. The list of items found in the delectable trail energy builders which follows this description may cause some, and may cause a degree of nausea to others. All have been found in GORP recipes carried by local hikers.

In the selection of your own ingredients feel free to try something new or unique, and pass any good items on to others who make a science of their GORP.

It seems to be best to mix the morsels in a large air tight container and dole out the required quantity for the hike that day. One important item to keep in mind, always take at least double the supply you expect to eat yourself since the "chow-hounds" always present enjoy sampling any choice selections available. GORP ingredients :: Peanuts, raisins, sun-flower seeds; dried apple bits, dried apricot bits, dried dates, figs, cashews, hazel nuts, M & M's Rice Chex, (breakfast cereals), cloves for flavor, dried fruit cocktail, freeze dried ham, various candy drops, banana flakes, corn kernels, freeze dried shrimp (gourmet selection), roasted coconut chips, onion flakes, and garlic buds--(really--Von Portz!).

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DPS ANNUAL BANQUET

The Desert Peaks Section is very fortunate in having Dr. Homer Aschmann, Professor of Geography at the University of California, Riverside, as speaker for its annual banquet. The banquet will be held at Rudi's Italian Inn, 3773 Crenshaw Blvd, Thurs. April 1, 1965. Steak

dinner at 7:30 p.m.; social hour at 6:30 p.m. Send reservations to Noko Colevins 10900 Santa Monica Blvd, Apt #6, West Los Angeles 25, by March 29th. For a ticket enclose \$2.65 and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Arkel H. Erb

IRON, AND GOLD AND A RABBIT

In spite of threatening skies and possibility of rain 36 people gathered at the Mill Creek picnic area for a climb of Iron #3 and Rabbit #1 on Sun., Mar. 7. Before the hike the leader, Miriam Lybro, gave the group a brief history of the area. There are several mines here which go back to 1858 and produce gold and silver in quantities. One interesting fact was that the average production per miner working in the San Gabriels diggings through 5 years from 1858-1863 was 25% greater than the average in the northern diggings in 1853, the peak year of their production. The climb to Iron was made in very good time though several stops were made because of newcomers and youngsters in the group. On the way to Rabbit Pk., we stopped at the Black Cargo Mine and were greeted by Mr. George Schey, who along with his partner holds the mineral rights to the mine and at present is doing some hard-rock mining. He gave a very interesting talk on the ores that can be found in the area and quantity and quality that is being produced. The gold ore, he said, has assayed from \$13-\$96 a ton. He then led the group into the mine and showed us some of the work being done. There were intermittent showers of rain and hail but just enough to dampen the hikers' gear but not their enthusiasm. Lunch time was on top of Rabbit Peak and then a quick return to the cars with another pleasant hike terminated.

Ben Romero, Ass't Ldr.

OTHER RECENT TRIPS

The trip to Joshua Tree Nat'l Monument in January was attended by some 50 people and capably led by Gene Andreosky. Warren Von Portz led a group to Quail Mtn., and Bob Schull assisted on the Bernard, Little Berdoo hike.

Thirty-six climbers showed up for the Santa Barbara Range hike over Washington's birthday week-end. Bob Hawthorne led this hike; Bruce Collier and Steve Molnar assisted the leader in the assaults on the summits of the six peaks climbed.

THE TRIP THAT WAS

With the holidays just passed, and with all those potatoes, gravy and egg nogs, one has a tendency to put on weight and get out of condition. So with this in mind, some 100 Peakers decided to prepare for the coming season by taking in some so-called conditioning trips and it was agreed that we would participate on the coming DPS trip to Smith Mtn. in Death Valley on Jan. 17. A study of the maps revealed that Eagle Pk. was in the general area and that we might use that climb as a trip tightener. Ben Romero asked for permission to lead the hike for sentimental reasons. It seems that Ben lived in Death Valley Jct., 20 years ago and each morning on awakening the first thing in view was Eagle Pk. The desire to climb the peak was so great that it became an obsession to him.

On Sat. morning a group of 100 Peakers drove to the base of the peak and started the climb. The group consisted of Lorraine Pearson, Dave Scruggs, Janis Hawley, Miriam Lyhre, Bob Van Allen and his son, Jin, Ben Romero and his grandmother Senora Kathilde, who now resides in Tecopa. Grandma's reason for climbing the peak was not because it was there, but in memory of some of her friends buried in the Junction cemetery. We were amazed at the agility of the little old lady despite her many years and how effectively she handled her cane on the 2nd and third class trailless route. The ascent was not only hilarious, but educational as well. Senorra told of her early days in the Anargosa Region as a young girl living at one time or another in Johnnie, Palmyra, Ash Meadows, and in Greenwater. She spoke of cherished memories and friendships with such people as Death Valley Scotty, Juleskinners Johnnie O'Keefe and Frank Tilton. She remembered that it was through the efforts of Senator Charlie Brown (he was a clown) on Inyo County that Death Valley was opened up to the public to enjoy. Her greatest thrill was the first time she rode the now defunct Tonopah and Tidewater railroad to visit relatives in San Bernardino.

The group made several stops scrambling up the rock and twice Grandma popped a button off her high-buckle shoes which Bob Van Allen repaired. The summit was reached in 1 hour and 19

minutes. A faster trip could have been made but Grandma needed two belays on two pitches near the top. Lunch on the summit was most pleasant. We all took a number of pictures and even grandma got into the act with her old box camera. Grandma did not want to sign the register however. She said she was on a pilgrimage and not peak-bagging. The descent was not without mirth for Senora's shawl, which doubled as a rucksack, kept falling off. When we got back to the cars we all agreed it had been an enjoyable trip. Grandma was only interested in getting home, soaking her feet and getting out of her "darned corset". She has to wear a back support since her early days as a climber when while on a traverse of the Hopah and Kingston Ranges she fell and hurt her back.

Two things were learned on the trip—where Ben gets his stories and that when one has had a desire to climb a mountain for 27 years and realizes that ambition, climbers are born, not made.

Next day on the scheduled DPS trip led officiously by John Robinson and Frank Sanborn we climbed Smith Mtn. The trip was uneventful and anti-climatic. Special praise must be given to Jin Van Allen (age 14 years) who made both peaks though he was footsore because of the new boots he was wearing.

(Author wishes to remain anonymous!)

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MEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES—

The Committee has had two meetings since the last issue of the paper. One of these was on Feb. 4, and the other on Mar. 2. The next one will be a schedule meeting on Mar. 11. Next regular meeting will be on April 6 and then one on May 6.

It was decided that the LOOKOUT would be published bimonthly. Bob Marshall reported that the Executive Comm. is planning on purchasing duplicating machine(s) for the Chapter use. Because the by-laws were only temporarily accepted by the Executive Committee, a by-laws committee was formed consisting of Chairman Janis Hawley, Mary Edisel, Bob Van Allen, and Miriam Lyhre. Many peaks need new registers. We have the registers and are preparing them for use and leaders should contact Bob Hawthorne about placing new registers on peaks. Those climbing on unscheduled trips should try to take a new register along with them.

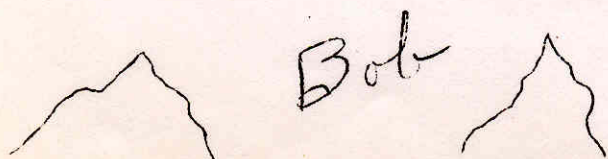


As work is under way for the June to September schedule, some comment may be in order. Starting with response to a recent questionnaire in the LOOKOUT, more suggestions have been added, probably many more should be. Further suggestions will be appreciated.

Some of the suggestions made were: Balance the program by distributing hard and easy hikes, car camps, and backpacks. Alternate Saturday and Sunday hikes. An easy local may be climbed the same day as a remote strenuous peak. Consider seasonal restrictions: snow, bad roads, fire closure, heat of summer, hunting season, rattlesnakes, ticks, poison ivy, stream crossings and water shortages. Consider seasonal attractions: wild flowers, pine nuts, fall color, apples at Pisgah, animal tracks in the snow, moonlight, vacations and holidays. Springtime is best for most trips, but those that can be scheduled at no other time must be given priority. We would consider grouping peaks for timing efficiency. We would schedule peaks that have never been scheduled or have not been scheduled for five years. We hope this can be reduced to two years. Popular peaks should be scheduled at least once a year. We should schedule remote peaks without trails that would be dangerous to climb alone. Peak-bagger specials would be scheduled.

The Committee discussed these recommendations at the last meeting. Consideration was also given to other recommendations, but no decision was reached. We will keep the membership informed of progress in this area. Members should feel free to send in ideas and suggestions at all times.

Be seeing you!



NOTE ON TORO PEAK--N.B.

Steve Molnar read a letter at the last committee meeting from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior regarding the fact that TORO PEAK in the Santa Rosa Range is on Indian property and that Sierra Club members have been trespassing by climbing this peak. Anyone climbing the peak may only do so with permission from the Indians. The 100 Peaks Committee strongly recommends that members DO NOT climb TORO PEAK until we get further word from the Indians. Steve has written them regarding the matter. If we do not hear back, please do not climb the peak until arrangements can be made for a scheduled hike into that area. There is also a Navy installation on Toro and we should not be trespassing on gov't military installations. If there are any further questions, contact Steve.

RATTLESNAKES WILL BE OUT SOON--

A word of warning to those who have recently started peak-bagging: By April and May the rattlers will be coming out and one must hike with greater caution than is necessary in the winter. Peaks that have a lot of rocks, or brush in the 5,000'-6,000' category (although we saw a rattler on Ontario last May) should probably not be climbed unless much awareness of snakes is exercised. Know what to do for snake bite. Lt. Marie Louise and the Pinnacle climbed last May were two peaks on which your editor saw snakes. Also to new-comers, if you go peak-bagging, remember the fire closure goes on from July to Dec. in many areas and peaks in those areas cannot be climbed then, so now is the time to do those peaks. If you have questions, contact some Committee member who can help you.



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